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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, Mr. Gopalakrishnaiah refers to what I did as a private person and says that I agitated for clemency for a particular prisoner who was under sentence of death. The case was quite different. Commutation of sentences of death to one of transportation for life is being granted every day even now. The question of withdrawing cases of grave offences is quite a different matter."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, the Hon. Chief Minister is not willing to release the prisoners or withdraw the cases only to allow the future Andhra Government to have the credit. May I suggest to him that the would-be members of the Andhra Government would also be pleased if the Chief Minister shared the credit as he has shared the credit for the formation of the new State? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, after so much of discussion, I shall look into the matter."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question-time is over. Answers to the remaining questions will be printed in the proceedings."

Famine relief measures in Chingleput district.

* 866 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the M.L.Cs. and M.L.As. of Chingleput district with regard to declaring this district as famine-affected district and for relief measures as that of other famine-affected areas;

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter; and

(*c*) whether the nature of the action taken has been communicated to any one of the representatives?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government considered that in view of the improved seasonal conditions in the district, no action was necessary.

" (*c*) A reply was sent on 29th January 1953 to this effect to Sri V. K. Ramaswami Mudaliar, M.L.A., who was one of the signatories to the representation."

The Sathanur Anicut.

* 867 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the stage of Sathanur Anicut and when it will be completed and the total number of acres that will be brought under cultivation by this anicut?

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The scheme is under consideration of the Government. It is expected to benefit 20,000 acres. It cannot be said now when the scheme will be sanctioned."

Opening of a Sub-Registry office at Pattambi.

* 868 *Q.*—SRI K. M. SEETHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Registration be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the opening of a Sub-Registry office at Pattambi in South Malabar was sanctioned;

(*b*) whether it has been opened; and

(*c*) if the reply to (*b*) is in the negative the reason for it?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government recently considered the question of opening a sub-registry office at Pattambi as a Part II scheme for 1953–54. but decided that it should be deferred and taken up as a Part II scheme for 1954–55. The Government thought that, in view of the impending formation of the Andhra State, all schemes which are not imperatively and immediately essential should wait."

Retrenchment of workers in the Andhra Scientific Company, Masulipatnam.

* 869 *Q.*—SRI G. ANJANEYULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by the Government regarding the retrenchment of workers in the Andhra Scientific Company, Masulipatnam, by the Andhra Scientific Works Union, Masulipatnam, in January 1953; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No representation was received by the Government or the Commissioner of Labour from the Andhra Scientific works (workers) Union. The Labour Officer, Vijayawada, received a memorandum purported to be a representation from 46 retrenched workers of the company. The Labour Officer contacted the representatives of the union and found that the retrenchment was effected after consultation with the Works Committee and with their approval. As there was no discrimination, victimization or unfair labour practice while effecting retrenchment, no further action was taken in the matter."